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## **PHARMACIST PLEADS GUILTY TO WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS WITHOUT A LICENSE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a local licensed pharmacist, Clarence Herschel Winer, 60, pled guilty before Judge Dean Whipple this morning to wholesale distribution of drugs without a license.

Winer, who operated a retail pharmacy at 6724 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri admitted that between 1996 and 2001 he purchased prescription drugs in bulk from someone that he knew did not hold a wholesale distribution license. Winer further admitted that he did so with the intent to resell the drugs to retail customers without disclosing he had obtained the drugs unlawfully for profit. The list of drugs includes Zocor, Prilosec, Lipitor, Zithromax, Prevacid, and Prozac.

Judge Whipple ordered the sentencing hearing to be before Judge Ortrie Smith. The date of the sentencing has not been set.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Phillip Eugene Porter. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Food and Drug Administration.

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